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For: OPTICAL FIBER HOLDING)
DEVICE, OPTICAL DISPERSION-)
EQUALIZER, AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING OPTICAL)
FIBER HOLDING DEVICE)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, Paragraph Beginning at Line 15:

FIG. 14 is a structural drawing of a conventional optical fiber holding device.

Page 1, Paragraph Beginning at Line 17:

Referring to FIG. 14, reference numeral 1 denotes an optical fiber made of a core and a clad; 2 denotes a grating which is formed at a part of the core of the optical fiber and reflects an optical signal of a number of wavelengths; 3 denotes a heater which is made of a